# WALLER MILL PARK





The Dog Park is open during regular park hours. Information is available at the operations building.

The Dog Park closes 15 minutes before scheduled park closing.

# Waller Mill Park Route 645 Airport Road

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# City of Williamsburg



**Department of Parks and Recreation** 

## **Mailing Address:**

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#### TRAILS~

Trails are located within the park offering various opportunities for individuals to enjoy the picturesque surroundings. For your convenience, benches are located along the trails should you need a break.

Information is available at the Operations Building on the **Bayberry Nature** and **Lookout Tower** Trails.

The **Asphalt Bike/Walk Trail** stretches for two miles from Mooretown Road to Rochambeau Road. Parking for this trail is available at Waller Mill Park's main parking lot. This asphalt trail offers a safe path for walking, biking, inline skating, and running.

No motorized vehicles are allowed.



### FEEDING OF WILDLIFE IS PROHIBITED

## **2006 Hours of Operation:**

(open year round weather permitting)

January - February 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

March - April 1st 7:00 am - 6:00 pm

April 2nd - May 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

Memorial Day Weekend - Labor Day Weekend open 6:00 am weekends only

June - August 7:00 am - 8:00 pm

September (after Labor Day) 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

October 1st - 28th 7:00 am - 6:00 pm

Oct. 29th - December 30th 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

### 2006 SCHEDULED CLOSINGS

November 23 December 24-25, 31 January 1

#### **HISTORY~**

The reservoir was constructed in 1942 by the U.S. Government to supply water to Camp Peary, but was declared surplus and sold to the City of Williamsburg in 1945. It provides an average of 3.5 million gallons of water daily to the greater Williamsburg area.

The water treatment plant, located adjacent to Waller Mill Reservoir, was constructed in 1945 and expanded in 1957, 1968, 1981 and again in 1999.

Located at the filter plant are the spillway and a 270-foot dam. The dam was built after the original dam broke in June 1963 following excessively heavy rains.

The park opened for public use in July 1972. This 2700 acre facility encompasses a 343-acre reservoir, which is open for fishing, boating, pedal boating, kayaking and canoeing. In 1975 a tunnel was constructed connecting the upper and lower portions of the lake nearly doubling the water acreage available for use.

The **MILL STONE** was found in the bottom of the reservoir when the dam broke in 1963. It was likely used by the Custis or Waller families in their mill operation to grind up corn many years ago.



### GENERAL INFORMATION~

The Operations Building is located near the main parking lot and the dock area. This is where you can receive assistance renting boats, canoes, kayaks, making shelter reservations, as well as information on walking trails.

Restroom facilities and vending machines are located in the breezeway of the building.

A retail shop includes items that you would need for fishing including poles, tackle and bait. Also available for sale are bagged ice, t-shirts, cameras, hats, and everyone's favorite...**ICE CREAM**.

# **FEES AND CHARGES**

# PLEASURE BOATING AGES 16+

Rowboat, Canoe or Kayak	\$4.00/hour
Pedal Boat (2 person)	\$3.00/half hr.
Pedal Boat (4 person)	\$4.00/half hr.

# PRIVATE BOAT (non-fishing):

Canoe or Kayak	\$2.00/day
Rowboat	\$4.00/day

# FISHING FEES (per person per day): AGES 16-54

Park Boat	\$5.00
Private Boat	\$4.00
Less than 4 hrs before closing	\$3.00
Non-fishing adult with	
Children 15 & under	\$5.00/boat/day
Pier Fishing	No Charge

# SENIOR FEES (age 55+) are one-half of the listed fees for fishing only.

A Virginia state fishing license must be shown to the park attendant. Night crawlers and red wigglers are available for \$2.50/dozen

Electric motor with	l battery\$15.00/day
Extra Battery	\$5.00/day

## **GASOLINE MOTORS ARE NOT ALLOWED**

## PICNIC SHELTER RESERVATIONS:

Shelter #1 \$25.00/day \$15.00/half day Shelters #2, 3, 4 \$50.00/day \$30.00/half day Half day rates are available Monday-Friday only

#### **BOATING~**

Rowboats and pedal boats are available for rent year round. Canoes and kayaks are also available for rent during the warmer months. Lifejackets are supplied for each person when renting a boat. Swimming in the reservoir and beaching of boats is strictly prohibited.



### FISHING~

The reservoir is stocked with striped bass, largemouth bass, crappie, blue gill, yellow and white perch, catfish and red-eared bream. Fishermen can rent one of the park's rowboats for a daily fee or if they prefer, a boat ramp is available for launching their own small boat. *Gasoline motors are not allowed.* Electric motors may be used, and are available for rent at the operations building.

*No bank fishing is allowed at the park*; however, a fishing pier is available free of charge.

A Virginia state freshwater fishing license is required and must be presented to the park attendant before renting or launching a boat.



#### PICNICKING~

Four picnic shelters are available for rent and can accommodate 25 to 100 people depending on the shelter rented. Shelter 1 has picnic tables and playground equipment located in close proximity providing areas for both play and relaxation. Reservations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis and can be made by contacting the park or visiting the operations building.